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# Public Notice Clarification

#### Neck Developers, LLC, P/N # 2007-0542-3-P

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers placed the above project on public notice, September 21, 2007. OCRM did not place this project on public notice because additional information was required from the applicant. This notice is to clarify that OCRM is placing the above projects on public notice, **October 19, 2007** and that the correct suspense date to have comments to OCRM is **November 18, 2007**.

Comments will be received on this public notice until <u>November 18, 2007</u>, at the address below. For further information, please contact the project manager, Steve Brooks, 843-953-0235.

October 19, 2007

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 1949 Industrial Road, Room 140 Conway, South Carolina 29526

THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400

Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION Refer to: P/N # 2007-0542-3 -1

September 21, 2007 Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), and the Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.) an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and

NECK DEVELOPERS, LLC C/O THE BRIGMAN COMPANY, INC PO BOX 1532 CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA 29528

for a permit to construct four joint-use piers with floating docks and one community pier with a floating dock in

## WILLIAMS CREEK

located adjacent to and south of Little River Neck Road approximately 2.5 miles east of S.C. Highway 9 in the Little River Township, Horry County, South Carolina (Latitude: 33.84691°N; Longitude 78.61248°W).

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

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is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above

# 12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of constructing four joint-use docks and one community dock each consisting of a 12' by 12' fixed pierhead attached to an 8' x 12' floating dock by a 4' wide gangway. All docks are accessed by walkways ranging from 4' x 10' to 4' x 231' as shown on drawing 4 of 5.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION 1949 Industrial Park Road, Room 140 Conway, South Carolina 29526

The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certification is received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification must submit all comments in writing to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 0.09 acre of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project will have no effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

In accordance with the NHPA, the District Engineer has also consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties property listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. To insure that other cultural resources that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State resources.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards,

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flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; essted parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments receiv idered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a p oject. To male this recision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered specneral environmental effects, and the other public dity interest factors ! prepar on of an Environmental Assessment and/or an ir Environ -+al . to the afficiannal Environ mental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine in હ and to determin⊍ the all public interest of the activity. If the

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